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In re Application of )  
Shinobu Furuta et al. )  
Application No.09/688,970 )  
Filed: October 16, 2000 )  
Attorney Docket No. 62478-2900 )

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 14, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

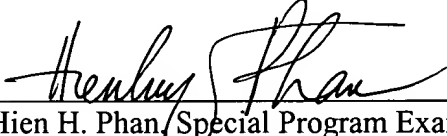
This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action of September 25, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 3, 2003.

Petitioner states that a response was in fact timely filed. To support this assertion, petitioner has submitted a copy of a return postcard receipt which acknowledges receipt of an amendment along with one sheet of amended drawings and a letter to the Official Draftsperson by the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on December 27, 2002. A copy of the response was submitted with the petition

The response was not of record in the application file at the time the Notice of Abandonment was mailed but has since been matched with the application file. The application is not abandoned in fact.

In view of the above stated reasons, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn and the Notice of Abandonment vacated. Inconvenience to petitioner is regretted.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technical Support staff for entering the amendment. From there, the application file will be returned to the examiner for further examination.

  
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